

# Finance, Real Estate and Insurance

## ROBBERS' GUNS PROVIDE WINES AND CIGARS AS THEY WAIT IN VICTIM'S HOME FOR HER GEMS

New York, Oct. 12.—Mrs. Eugene Bennett, whose husband is a well known Bronx restaurateur, left her home at 1371 Delany avenue at 8 o'clock Tuesday night to attend a theatre. With her was her mother, Mrs. P. J. Sweeney. Mrs. Bennett left her children—Eugene, 12, and Edward, 11, in the care of her brother-in-law, Thomas Hoffmire, and his wife, Mary, who share the house with the Bennetts.

Three hours later the door bell rang. Hoffmire, thinking Mrs. Bennett and her mother had returned, went to the vestibule. The front door had been opened and in walked two well-dressed men wearing gray masks which barely covered their eyes.

"Is Mrs. Bennett in?" asked one of the duo.

"No," answered Hoffmire; "she has gone to the theatre."

"Is that so," said the man. "I guess we'll wait for her. She's probably having a good time."

With this the second intruder drew a revolver, pointed it in Hoffmire's face, backed him into a bedroom and made him seat himself on the bed.

No Need to Disturb Sleepers.

"Who is here besides you?" the spokesman asked.

"My wife and my sister-in-law's two children," he answered.

"Are they on this floor?"

"No, they're sleeping upstairs."

"Well, I guess we won't disturb them."

For fully two hours until 1 o'clock, the men kept up a running fire of conversation with Hoffmire or between themselves, the man who covered him changing the revolver from hand to hand. Finally the spokesman said: "Got anything to drink in the

house, Hoffmire?"

Hoffmire pointed to a cellar. The intruder drew out two bottles of champagne, a bottle of whiskey and a box of cigars. As they smoked, drank and chatted, the spokesman often looked at his watch. Occasionally he would pace the floor restlessly. Several times he commented upon the beauty of oil paintings on the walls. At 2 o'clock an auto was heard in the street. He turned to his companion and remarked: "Good! There'll be no trouble. There are only two women in the car and the chauffeur has gone."

Demanding "Glass" She Wore.

As Mrs. Bennett entered the door he doffed his hat and beckoned her into another bedroom. She sent her mother upstairs, and bravely walked in.

"Now let's not have any trouble," said the man. "Take off that glass, give it to me, and we'll go."

Mrs. Bennett nervously took from her fingers seven rings valued at \$1,000 and placed them on the bed as directed. Then he asked for her purse. She handed it to him and he extracted its contents—\$20.

"It's a long way to the Bronx," he remarked. "But after all it was worth the trip. We're going now. Don't make any noise!"

He beckoned to his accomplice, and the two started for the door. As the spokesman walked out he turned and said:

"By the way, Mrs. Bennett, you needn't try to call the police on the phone. I cut the wires."

Investigation revealed that he had done so. One and a half hours later the robbery was reported to the Bronx Detective Bureau, which tried to keep the matter quiet. After the detectives had failed to find a clue to the extraordinary robbers they made the crime public.

## A NEW INDUSTRY

Valuable Chemical Products From Manufacture of Charcoal.

Plant, Costing \$250,000, in Process of Construction at East Canaan—Very Interesting Process of Production—Charcoal Merely a By-Product.

In the production of charcoal from cordwood the process is generally understood merely to transform the wood into coal as the sole product. By the scientific process now being installed at East Canaan, charcoal of superior quality will be produced from wood as a by-product of the manufacture of two chemicals—wood alcohol and acetate of lime, the latter being the material of which "acetone" is made, which is one of the elements entering into the manufacture of high explosives. Coal becomes simply the residue, or leavings, in this new process of extracting from the wood chemicals which until recently were not known to be present, each of which is of more money-value than the charcoal. The East Canaan plant, now in process of construction will cost \$250,000. It is being constructed for the Connecticut Chemical Co., a newly organized corporation of which William M. Barnum of New York, formerly of Lima Rock, is president. This company will build and equip the plant and start it in operation, when it will be leased to the Barnum-Richardson Co., manufacturers of its foundries in Lima Rock car wheels from the celebrated Salisbury iron ore. It operates also several iron-smelting furnaces at East Canaan, where the ore is transformed into pig-iron. Enormous quantities of charcoal are consumed in the operation of these foundries and furnaces, and the practical depletion of the hardwood supply in that region has forced the company to ship charcoal from Michigan, where the desired woods, maple, hickory, beech and birch, which give the greatest yield of product—are most abundant. Only six retorts are being installed, for the present, giving the plant a capacity for carbonizing eighty to seventy-five cords of wood a day. These six retorts alone cost \$75,000. Four small steel cars, each holding two and one-half cords of wood, will be run into each retort. The steel doors are then closed, fastened and hermetically sealed and the big receptacle made absolutely air-tight. Fires are built in specially designed fire-boxes beneath the retorts and an intense heat created, which completely carbonizes the wood, in about twenty hours.

Attached to the retorts are condensers, arranged by an intricate system of pipes and flues to trap and condense the vapors and smoke arising from the carbonizing wood, and these condensed vapors form the liquid from which the resultant chemicals sought for are produced. At the end of the carbonizing period from 245 to 250 pounds of liquid will have been extracted from each cord of wood.

The liquid is conveyed to the still-house and subjected to a process for separating the tar from the liquor. The liquor so obtained is neutralized by mixing with lime. It is then put through another process to separate the alcohol and the acetate liquor, after which the acetate liquor is poured into large pans and boiled down. By this process the water is evaporated, leaving the finished article of acetate of lime, a dry substance. The alcohol previously referred to goes through a refining process in the still-house, and is stored in tanks and shipped in tank cars.

The net product, from a single cord of wood, in this process, which, by the way, is technically known as 'the destructive distillation of wood' is 225 pounds of acetate of lime, 10 gallons refined wood alcohol, and 50 bushels (20 pounds to the bushel), of charcoal. That the Barnum-Richardson Co. has been foresighted in the matter of wood supply is shown in the assurance of Vice-President R. N. Barnum, that it has bought wood-lands in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont, sufficient to supply the plant, working at its full capacity, for ten years to come, and has secured options on other large acreages of timber that will guarantee another ten years' supply. The concern is already under contract to furnish every pound of acetate of lime that the plant can produce. Wood alcohol is a staple article that enters into an increasing number of uses and the demand grows in proportion. The company expects to consume practically the entire output of charcoal at its various iron-working plants.



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## DISCHARGE 21 MILITIAMEN OF PARK CITY UNITS

Refusal to Take Federal Oath Results in Dropping of Many Soldiers.

Twenty-one members of the local companies of the Coast Artillery Corps who refused to take the Federal oath have been discharged for the benefit of the service. Orders issued yesterday from the adjutant-general's office show an unusually large number of discharges in the Coast Artillery Corps and the Tenth Militia Field Artillery for this same reason. Fifty-five men in the various artillery companies are discharged for refusing to take the Federal oath. A few were discharged for non-residence.

The Bridgeport men discharged for refusal to take the Federal oath are: Second Company—Benefit of the service: Musicians G. Ernest Morse, Cook James B. Capron and Privates George W. Milla, Graham Casserly, Edward J. Martin and Frederick J. Peterson.

Fourth Company—Benefit of the service: Privates John McCarthy, Charles Chirn and John Soled.

Eleventh Company—Privates Andrew V. Dugas, William Hayes, Melville Hobson, Stephen P. Hudak, Ralph Luciano, Stephen Popaditch, Leonard Grasso, Harold Hobson, John Hrasce, Peter J. Kasper, John Popaditch and Charles O. Ware.

A number of the Bridgeport men discharged from the service are night workers whose employment will not permit of their attending drills. Sergt. Albert C. Herrmann of the Eleventh company, who is not mentioned above, is one of these. He is an inspector at the Remington Arms Co. factory. He has served 15 years in the Eleventh company, enlisting when that organization was Company K, Fourth Infantry. He wears the 10-year state service medal, Coast Artillery service medals and medals for sharpshooting and rifle practice for every year of his service. He is a first class gunner in the Coast Artillery and has been "top" sergeant of his company for years. Sergeant Herrmann, like many others who have spent years in the militia, is at last obliged to resign because of private business.

Others discharged by orders of the adjutant general's orders are:

Tenth Militia Field Artillery.

Battery A—Private Earl B. Noble, non-residence; Battery B, Private John Galney, non-residence; Battery C, Sergeant Walter O. B. Toole, Corporal Jesse L. Moss, Jr., Private Edwin E. Aiken, Jr., and Private Marshall S. House, all non-residence.

Coast Artillery Corps.

First Company—Benefit of the service: Privates Willis C. Babcock, Jr., William O. Beebe, Charles W. Cole, William Frederick Gray, Stephen Peter Lawsky, Edward H. Petchark, Richard T. Barry, Ralph O. Bump, Williams H. Daniels, Delbert Hatfield, Clarence B. Lewis, Frederick A. Saunders.

Fifth Company—Non-residence: Corporal John J. Magner; benefit of the service, Privates Jason H. Geverly, George P. Kellar, Charles H. Geverly, Clarence F. Leffingwell, Sidney G. Vars.

Sixth Company—Benefit of the service: Musicians Martin Balas and Privates James W. Duffy, Stephen Sherry, Thomas F. Donnelly, William J. Hase and Frederick A. Whaley.

Ninth Company—Benefit of the service: Privates James Boucher, Harry S. Carlson, John Broderick and Charles A. Kipphut.

Tenth Company—Benefit of the service: Corporal William A. Sizer and Privates James C. Spellman, James N. Doran and Walter Williams.

Thirteenth Company—Benefit of the

## MEMORY TRAINING STUNTS WILL BE SHOWN TOMORROW

Victor Werner and Henry J. Sutton to Conduct Exhibition at Y. M. C. A.

Victor Werner of Brooklyn will give a demonstration of feats of memory tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. He will be assisted by Henry J. Sutton of New York, and other graduates of the Berol system of memory training. The lecture and demonstration will be open to both ladies and gentlemen.

With the exception of 90 students who took the course last summer at the local association under Mr. Sutton and Mr. Werner, few people in Bridgeport are informed as to the



HENRY J. SUTTON

claims of this system of training the mind to recall instantly ninety percent of the things one wants to remember. It is hoped that all those in doubt regarding the practicability of such a method, will be present tomorrow night.

Mr. Werner, who will have charge of instruction of several hundred students this winter, went into the class of Mr. William Berpl in New York for the express purpose of disproving any such method of training the mind. He soon became as enthusiastic as he had been pessimistic, and this fall will be teaching classes in New York, Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford and Bridgeport.

For several months during the past year, Mr. Werner was employed by the Remington Arms Co. of this city. In his daily work he astonished his associates by his ability to immediately memorize hundreds of names and numbers of men and machine operations. This winter he will give his entire time to the work of instructing his several classes.

## Labor Men Plan to Hold Mass Meeting

At a meeting of the Bridgeport Central Labor union last night plans were made for a big mass meeting of union men for the purpose of discussing changes that are favored by the unions, in Connecticut statutes.

The date hasn't been set for the meeting. The local action is on the recommendation of the State Federation of Labor, which has made arrangements for similar mass meetings in the other cities of the state.

New Haven, Oct. 12.—Plans are being furthered at Yale for the formation of a new aero club that will teach students the art of aviation,

## REGISTRARS NAME THEIR ASSISTANTS THROUGHOUT CITY

Rooney and Lounsbury Select Deputies for the 12 Voting Districts.

Registrars of voters, James H. Rooney and William Lounsbury, have announced the appointment of their assistants in twelve voting districts as follows:

Democrats: First district, John Sears; Second district, John J. Ford; Third district, George E. Muligan; Fourth district, James Welch; Fifth district, Frederick Schemp; Sixth district, Francis A. Long; Seventh district, Thomas Lovely; Eighth district, Edward Morris; Ninth district, Joseph B. Corcoran; Tenth district, John Broley; Eleventh district, Fred A. Brill; Twelfth district, Frank Squires; Eleventh district, Norman Beardsworth; Twelfth district, (first precinct), Richard Brown, (second precinct) Fred Daniels.

Republicans: First district, Leonard T. Court; Second district, Chas. Doerr; Third district, Harry Dike; Fourth district, Frank Roranz; Fifth district, Charles J. Eschscham; Sixth district, F. J. Reilly; Seventh district, George Kiley; Eighth district, Fred A. Brill; Ninth district, Frank Squires; Eleventh district, Norman Beardsworth; Twelfth district, (first precinct), Richard Brown, (second precinct) Fred Daniels.

## OCTOBER CROP REPORT.

Connecticut.

Corn—October 1 forecast, 2,670,000 bushels; production last year, final estimate, 3,250,000 bushels.

Oats—Preliminary estimate, 390,000 bushels; production last year, final estimate, 423,000 bushels.

Rye—Preliminary estimate, 137,000 bushels; production last year, final estimate, 150,000 bushels.

Tobacco—October 1 forecast, 35,600,000 pounds; production last year final estimate 29,970,000 pounds.

Potatoes—October 1 forecast, 2,400,000 bushels; production last year, final estimate, 2,280,000 bushels.

Hay—Preliminary estimate, 694,000 tons; production last year, final estimate, 493,000 tons.

Apples—October 1 forecast, 582,000 barrels; production last year, final estimate, 511,000 barrels.

Fruit—Estimate production, 1916 136,000 bushels; estimated production, 1915, 325,000 bushels.

Prices—The first price given below is the average on October 1 this year, and the second, the average on October 1 last year. Corn, 100 and 125 cents per bushel. Oats, 60 and 64. Potatoes, 124 and 64. Hay, \$19.50 and \$21.30 per ton. Eggs, 44 and 37 cents per dozen.

United States.

Corn—October 1 forecast 2,720,000,000 bushels; production last year, final estimate, 3,054,535,000 bushels.

All Wheat—October 1 forecast, 608,000,000 bushels; production last

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New Haven, Conn., Oct. 3, 1916

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company will be held in Harmonie Hall, No. 9 Elm Street, in the City of New Haven, Conn., on Wednesday, the 25th day of October, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon, for the following purposes:

- To consider and take appropriate action upon the Annual Statement and all acts described therein or reported at said meeting.
- To authorize and issue of not to exceed \$700,000 face value seven-year five per cent. gold debentures containing an agreement that if any mortgage is hereafter placed upon the property of this corporation these debentures will be legally secured thereby with any other indebtedness of the corporation, and also an agreement to call, by lot, and pay \$100,000 of these debentures each year until all are paid, the proceeds from the sale of said debentures to be used for the construction of new terminal passenger station and appurtenances in the City of New Haven, Conn.
- To elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.
- To transact any other business which may properly come before said meeting.

For the purpose of this meeting the transfer books of the Company will be closed from October 11th, 1916, to October 25th, 1916, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

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Vegetables—Potatoes, bbl. \$4 @ \$4.25. Beets, 100 bunches, 2¢; tops off, bbl. \$2.75. Carrots, 100 bunches, \$1.50; 2¢; unwashed, tops off, bbl. \$2.25; 2¢; washed, tops off, bbl. \$3.50. Cabbages, Flat Dutch, per 100, \$7.00; red bbl. \$2. Celery, bunch, 15¢; 50¢. Cava, per 100 ears, 75¢; 1.75. Cauliflowers, short cut, lb. \$2.50; 55¢. Mushrooms, per 4 lb. basket, 75¢; 1.75. Onions, white, crate, \$1.25; white pickles, crate, \$1.50; 2¢; yellow, 100 lb. bag, \$2.75; red, 32¢; 2.75. Squash, Marrow, bbl. 75¢; 1.75; Hubbard, \$1.75; 2¢. Turnips, Rutabaga, bbl. \$2.50; 2.75; white, bbl. 4¢; 5¢. Tomatoes, large, box, 50¢; 1.50. Watercress, 100 bunches, \$1.50.

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## ORDER OF NOTICE

MARY PUCIL SABOL vs. GEORGE SABOL

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT

Bridgeport, October 6, 1916.

Upon the complaint of the said Mary Pucil Sabol for reasons therein set forth for 1. a divorce and 2. the custody of the minor child now pending before this Court, having been returned thereto on the first Tuesday of September 1916. It appearing to and being found by this Court that George Sabol the said defendant is absent from this state and gone to parts unknown, and that notice of the pendency of the complaint was given by publication by order of notice theretofore issued, and now the plaintiff asks for a further order of notice in the premises.

Therefore Ordered, that notice of the pendency of said complaint be given by publishing this order in the Bridgeport Farmer, a newspaper printed in said Bridgeport, two times successively, commencing on or before the 16th day of October 1916.

By the Court.

MICHAEL J. FLANAGAN, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court for Fairfield County. G7 b

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For the accommodation of the public the office will be kept open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Mondays, October 2nd and 9th, 1916.

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